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1. In January 1951 a Chinese Communist engineer unit began the construction of an airfield at Yanghwa (125-38, 39-13) (YD 2744) and completed it in April. All the inhabitants of the area were evacuated before construction was started and no Korean laborers were used. In late May 700 Chinese Communist air force and engineer personnel were stationed at the field, and a restricted zone surrounding the field was off-limits to all but Chinese Communist troops. Signal lamps were installed at the field and four 45-mm anti-aircraft guns were in position on hills along the western side of the field. (See Attachment No. 1.)

2. On 31 May, three YAK fighters were at the field, hidden in three of six trenches thirty meters high (sic) and thirty meters wide, along the southwest edge of the runway (see Attachment No. 1). The field was being used exclusively by the Chinese Communist Air Force.

3. Equipment at the field includes 3 rolling machines, 10 Japanese trucks which are hidden in trenches during the day, construction machinery, and radios. The radios, gasoline, and most of the supplies at the field are stored in trenches around the field, although there is one warehouse containing supplies and some vehicles off the northwest end of the runway. Ten Soviet trucks are used to bring ammunition, gasoline, food, and clothing to the field from Op'a (125-39, 39-20), headquarters of a Chinese Communist supply unit. There are approximately 10,000 troops in the unit, and large stockpiles of all types of supplies are hidden in the mountains surrounding the headquarters.

4. On 30 May there were 20 YAK planes hidden in trenches along the northeast edge of Yongyu (125-36, 39-18) (YD 2453) airfield (see Attachment No. 2).

5. A Captain KIM (fnu), aged 28, a graduate of the Tungpei Aviation School in Manchuria, is commander of a North Korean unit of approximately 100 men stationed at the Yongyu field 30 May. Their arms included three heavy machine guns, five light machine guns, and seventy PPSH's and rifles. The field, which is in a restricted zone, is approximately 1500 by 300 meters, and the runway is 500 meters long and 12 meters wide. A radio installation is housed

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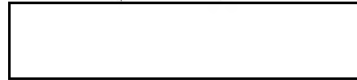
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in a dug-out at the eastern end of the field. Three trucks used at the field are concealed in trenches. There are no hangars, but large trenches have been dug for planes.

Encls: 1 map of Yangma Airfield.
2 map of Yongyu Airfield.

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